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SRI S. NATARAJAN : Is the Hon. Minister aware of the fact that there has been delay in the payment of salaries by remittance through money order consequent on the money order forms not being available in the Tanjore district?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : There are ever so many reasons. Particularly, at the issuing side, it might be possible that the department might have sufficient number of money order forms.

Even if there were not sufficient number of forms, they could get them from the neighbouring district headquarters. But the post-offices in the various places are finding it difficult to clear all the money orders which are sent on a particular day with reference to the schools located in that area. Therefore, there was considerable delay in the payment of salaries to the teachers and that is why the matter had to be reviewed by the committee once again.

Fee concession

* 116 *Q.*—SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state whether there is any proposal to extend the benefit of fee concession to the children of the members of the staff of Oriental Colleges?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : No, Sir.

SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : In view of the fact that the Lecturers in these colleges get lesser salary than even the high school teachers and the Principal of such colleges gets lesser salary than the Headmaster of a high school, will the Government kindly consider the question of extending this concession to these Lecturers and Principals?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : Still, a college is a college and a school is a school. When I take up the question of this college, naturally I will have to consider all the colleges and not only the Oriental Colleges.

SRI S. NATARAJAN : Is there any proposal to extend this concession to the members of the staff of these institutions?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : Not that I know of.

SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : As the members of the staff of the Oriental Colleges draw lesser salaries and as they also come under the orbit of the Government grant, will the Government consider the desirability of extending this concession to them?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : It is not a question of their coming under the orbit of Government grant or any such thing. It is a question whether members of the staff in these colleges also are to get this benefit. We have now restricted it to schools. It is not as if only these members of the staff are low-paid categories. There are so many other low-paid categories in all walks of life. Therefore, we have to consider this question with reference to the categories in the schools or colleges.

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Madras Law College

* 117 *Q.*—SRI MOHAMED RAZA KHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) the present strength of the Madras Law College;

(*b*) the percentage of those who require hostel accommodation;

(*c*) whether there are any hostel facilities for them; and

(*d*) if not, whether there is any proposal to construct a new hostel for them?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : (*a*) 1,226 students.

(*b*) 43 (roughly).

(*c*) Yes, Sir.

(*d*) Does not arise.

SRI MOHAMED RAZA KHAN : May I know whether the students of the Law College are at present put to lot of inconvenience and difficulty as they do not have a hostel for themselves?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : Sir, I am sorry the hon. Member is one year out of date. Just in the beginning of this academic year, a separate hostel has been started for the benefit of the students of the Law College. The Old Medical College Hostel is now the Law College Hostel.

SRI MOHAMED RAZA KHAN : Not that I know of it. I just wanted to draw the attention of the Hon. Minister. That is all. Is it not a fact that the distance from the Law College to this hostel is three or four miles? Apart from the distance, they have to spend so much time in coming from the College and going to the College from the Hostel and incidentally they have also to spend some money by way of bus charges. That being the case, may I know whether the Government could think of selecting a suitable site and locating the hostel very near the Law College itself, if such a site is available so that the students may be spared some money and time?

SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM : May I also know whether in the alternative, the Government could provide some transport facilities?

SRI MOHAMED RAZA KHAN : Let the Hon. Minister answer my question first.

SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM : I have put my question so that the Hon. Minister could answer both the questions.

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : Sir, may I know whether it is permissible for two Members to put questions like this?

MR. CHAIRMAN : No.

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : Members should not think that I am preferring one Member to another.